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A Worker's Prayer.

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.
Oh, lead me Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
Oh, feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet
Oh, strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.
Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.
Oh, give thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing power
—FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

To The Home Mission Board of Ohio.

In compliance with your request in the EVANGELIST, I offer the following report of mission work done in the Miami Valley.

On December 7th, 1883, I moved to Farmersville to take charge of the Farmersville and Lexington churches.

In June 1884, I had a call from West Manchester, Preble Co., O., about 23 miles from home. I continued to preach there every three weeks at different points for several months, preaching in all 30 sermons. During this time we were locked out of a Union Meeting House in charge of the Evangelical Society (Allbrights,) but we continued on in a universalist church, and wherever we could get an open door. The result of these meetings were five, two by relation and three by baptism.

Seeing that there was not much prospect of building up a church in that locality we abandoned it. Our converts eventually moving into organized congregations.

In March 1885 I was called to Shiloh, five miles north of Dayton, by Bro. V. E. Wampler. Having preached there several times, we held a protracted meeting in the Christian church, and were making preparations to organize a congregation, but for want of a house to worship in, we had to abandon this place for awhile. Here too, the members of the Christian church became afraid of our influence and locked their doors against us. In this church we had preached 24 sermons.

We were not willing to abandon this locality, so we continued to preach in the neighboring school houses and dwelling houses for some time. At last Bro. V. E. Wampler induced some others to aid him in leasing and fitting up a hall in Little York, for the purpose of holding our meeting. We continued to preach here, then last March Bro. P. J. Brown held a protracted meeting here, and we organized a congregation with 12 members. During the summer of 1884, I

was called by Bro. Jere Niebel to preach about five miles east of Miamisburg. I preached there every few weeks for a few months. Then for press of work I had to cease my visits.

This spring we renewed our visits there. We had only preached there a few times, when we found there were several that had a disposition to unite with the Brethren. On May 21 we appointed a meeting at 2 p. m., desiring all that had any intention of entering into an organization, and aid us to build up a church to meet with us. At the appointed time 10 met with us. After explaining our position and faith and practice, we asked all who expected to unite with us to rise. We had the unprecedented event of every one present becoming applicants for membership.

On Tuesday afternoon May 31st, we met again. By this time our number had swelled to 16. We then solicited subscription for building a meeting house. Eleven hundred and ten dollars were subscribed on the spot. In a few weeks it swelled to \$2100. Now it amounts to \$2171.

Trustees and building committee have been elected, a lot purchased, and everything in readiness to go to work. It is expected they will raise the sum to \$2500.

On Monday July 17th, we baptized five of these applicants in the Miami River. There are yet many applicants to baptize. In this locality I had preached seven sermons. And in 1884 I had preached 6 sermons.

The prospects in this locality are very flattering, and we hope in a very few months to have a large congregation.

Beside the above we have preached at Georgetown and Philipsburg, where much good could be done, and in course of time churches be organized. These places are close to the vicinity of Pittsburg where the German Baptist Annual Meeting was held in 1886.

We have also visited North Star several times, one was baptized there in August, 1886. Although this is an organized congregation, the brethren are very weak and need all the help they can get. Bro. A. Pearson the pastor in charge works very faithfully and needs all the help he can get. With the aid of the Home Mission much good can be done.

Calls are coming in from several places in the Miami Valley, but I have been unable to attend to them on account of my many duties.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD MASON.

Nebraska Items.

I haven't very much to tell you at present, but what I have, is a little like Bro. U. W. Miller said when he asked me to dine with him, "we haven't very much to eat, but what we have is awful good."

In the first place I had a number one visit last week with the brethren and sisters in the Falls

City church. Of course the week was too short to visit one-half of the members, but I did the best I could in the short time I had to stay. I had the pleasure of visiting only seventeen families.

Eld. E. L. Yoder was so kind and condescending as to take me in his buggy around to nearly all I visited. Bro. Yoder is doing good work as a pastor and making full proof of his ministry. His ministerial help is strong. Nearly all our brethren know what a noble worker Eld. S. Stump is for Christ, and also Elders Missler and Gephart, with the entire church. I believe that every last one of the Falls City church are working for the great cause of the blessed Christ. Bless God for that precious blood that saves a poor, lost and ruined sinner.

Eld. S. Stump and wife will visit this city next Tuesday and on Wednesday he and I will take the B. & M. R. R. to Dorchester, Selina Co., Neb., to hold a few meetings, while Sister Stump will visit with her son-in-law and daughter in this city.

Eld. A. M. T. Miller will fill my appointments at Picknell, 31st inst, morning and evening.

On the 2nd day of next month, (August,) Bro. E. L. Yoder will commence a protracted meeting at Picknell, ten miles north of this city. I preach at Holmesville tomorrow morning and evening.

All things work together for good to them that love God. I now think of that blessed old hymn

"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins."
JOHN NICHOLSON.

Falls City Items.

Hot and dry is the state of the weather here at present. The crops have not suffered materially yet, and the congregations at the church have not become any smaller.

Elder John Nicholson from Beatrice, Neb., paid us a brief visit last week, and preached to a good congregation on Thursday evening. All were glad to see our aged veteran again who did us such good service last winter.

Eld. Stump has been preaching in a neighboring school house and as the fruit of his labors did some baptizing lately. Our Sunday school still continues in interest. A children's meeting is talked of—to be held when the weather gets cooler.

It seems our German Baptist brethren, here, have become much more liberal than their creed. At the brethren lovefeast last fall one of their members communed with us, and the same was repeated this spring. No attention has been given to this violation of the "minutes" by the local authorities of the German Baptist church here, neither have the adjoining elders given any attention to the matter. This is given as a favorable indication of the signs of the times when the middle wall of partition—the Annual Meeting mandatory

laws—will be broken down between the Brethren and German Baptists church, and universal peace and good will be re-established in the Dunkard fraternity.

At our regular appointment at the Silver Creek meeting house July 17, the funeral of Benjamin Bauer was preached. He died on the 15th, aged 79 years. He had been baptized in infancy, but never made an open profession of religion. Some of his children are worthy members of the Brethren church.

E. L. Y.

Louisville, Ohio.

Some time since we received an invitation to hold several meetings in Summit county, O., near Springfield, Lake which we accepted.

On the 23rd inst, Bro. Sylvanus Summers and I went up to place of meeting, stopped with our friend, Ben W. Bixler and family, who received and treated us very kindly. In the evening we wended our way to the Reformed church, which was pleasantly lighted and as we entered, found a number of the people gathered, who received us kindly and furnished us with good music. We tried to preach to a very attentive and intelligent audience. The next day, Sunday, we had the pleasure of meeting with them in the Sabbath School, after which we again preached. The people treated us very kindly, and we did not know but what we were among our own brethren. This is as it should be. We despise this selfish, narrow spirit. Thus we see that this people who are under no particular obligations to us, invited us to preach, opened their house, favored us with their presence, and assisted us in the service. Indeed this people have a warm place in our affections. May God bless them.

We returned to our home well pleased with our visit, and may God bless it for good.

JOSIAH KEIM.

A Proposition.

I am sometimes reprimanded for sticking so close to the mill, and too much neglecting the work of the church. I sometimes feel that our Master's cause is too much neglected. But I am ever willing and ready to do my share of the Master's work, and will make this proposition to any of the brethren in the West. I don't wish to go east of the Mississippi river.

If they will help to remunerate me, I will give any congregation my services as minister and pastor and Sunday School worker. My family consists of myself and wife. I am not now close to any Brethren. My neighbors are most all Methodists or Presbyterians. I am Superintending one Sunday School and teach in another.

The Presbyterians kindly invited me to preach in their church, which I do occasionally. Are there any churches wanting to engage such an one, I can be addressed at Akron, Kansas. Any references wanted, I refer

to Brethren W. J. H. Bauman, South Haven, or A. J. Hixson or J. W. Beer. If I get any encouragement to give myself fully to the cause, I will turn the mill over to other parties to manage; otherwise I will not.

D. HARADER.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

We are moving along smoothly and pleasantly. Our services are well attended; we know some good seed is being sown. We have a good Sunday school. Bro. R. E. C. Rench is our superintendent. Bro. Henry Dilts of the Baptist church is assistant superintendent. We have some German Baptist scholars. We have a great deal of opposition and a special visitor or two almost every Sunday. But they get the correct report every time they come.

We organized on the 10th of April, 1887. We had a picnic on Saturday the 23rd. Brother Mason was with us. We had a good time and a nice day. We all enjoyed ourselves very much and were sorry the other schools we invited did not meet us there.

Brother Mason preached to us Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening. He always has a full house, some times overflowing.

Bro. Kilhefner filled brother Mason's place while he was east, and we were well pleased with him and would like to hear him again. We hope Bro. Mason will not forget to send him if he can not come.

On last Thursday I followed one of my dear sisters to her last resting place. She has been a great sufferer for seven or eight years. She was paralyzed. At time she could not talk so she could be understood, but now she is at rest. The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

"I've found a joy in sorrow,
A secret balm for pain,
A beautiful tomorrow
Of sunshine after rain.
I've found a branch of healing
Near every bitter spring.
A whispered promise stealing
O'er every broken string."

W. T. HARRISON.

July 28th.

We may as well attempt to bring pleasure out of pain, as to unite indulgence in sin with the enjoyment of happiness.—Hodge.

The most valuable, pure, useful, and durable of all metals is tried gold; so is tried faith, among all the Christian virtues.—W. Jackson.

Deeper than the love of home, deeper than the love of kindred, deeper than the love of rest and recreation, deeper than the love life, is the love of Jesus.—Rev. J. Hamilton.

If I can put one touch of a rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God.—George MacDonald.

The city reveals the moral ends of being and sets the awful problem of life. The country soothes us, refreshes us, lifts us up with religious suggestion.—E. H. Chapin.